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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT

Operation MERRIMACK

1. In response to your request to expand the MERRIMACK
Operations, attached herewith are the proposed developmental plans
for the proposed developmental plans
for the MERRIMACK Operation.

2. Your approval to proceed with these plans is requested.

Deputy Director of Security (IOS)

Attachment
Info re Operation MERRIMACK



OPERATION MERRIMACK PLAN (Remainder of FY-1968)

Operation MERRIMACK Background:

In February 1967, Operation MERRIMACK was activated by the Director of Security to provide timely advance notice of impending demonstrations in order to protect CIA assets and installations on a long-range basis. Accordingly, a small number of multi-racial covert assets were directed to monitor various protest groups in the Washington area considered to be potential sources of demonstrations against the Agency. One of these agents has successfully penetrated one of the more active c local pacifist organizations. The others have actively participated in the various local demonstrations or marches. The results of these limited monitorings has proven to be a valuable source of information, not only for the Office of Security, but for the Intelligence Community as well as the United States Government. In January 1968, the Director of Security re-established the mission of Operation MERRIMACK and directed that it be further sophisticated



and expanded. To expand Operation MERRIMACK to fulfill the information gathering requirements levied upon it are minimal; however, for the expansion of MERRIMACK to be most effective it will be necessary to:

- Proceed with the re-alignment of the
- - supervise and manage the operational require-

ments and activities.

Assignment of

to the Special Activities

Division who will be charged with the

responsibility for planning and managing the

leads for operational requirements, directing

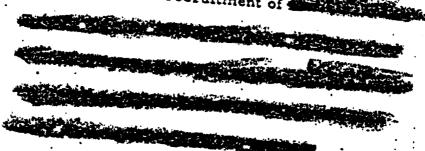
the investigative and special inquiry, as well .

as the review and coordination of the information

received from Operation MERRIMACK.



4. Proceed with the recruitment of



5. Obtain the necessary funds herein identified for the remainder of FY-68.

It should be noted that the above requirements were previously brought to your attention in the FY-69 budget presentation to you which was approved by you and the Deputy Director for Support.

It is initially proposed that the MERRIMACK apparatus will be divided into three distinct compartmental teams as follows:

1. Basic Apparatus

One senior Staff Agent assigned to will assume the responsibilities for the handling of the current MERRIMACK principal agents and casual informants to relieve the in order that he may more adequately direct his attention toward the management and coordination of



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who will develop principal agents for the recruitment of casual informants in the targeted organizations. This team will also provide Operation MERRIMACK Agency, a fully capable staff employee type surveillance team.

activity as outlined in the paragraph above.

2. Compartmented Activities

a. Penetrations - The basic apparatus will be responsible for arranging penetrations into the organization plans and movements in the United States; of the below listed organizations which have been

C00017819 determined to offer the greatest potential for the Agency and Office of Security stated objectives. Women Strike for Peace (WSP) ... Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) the same Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) United Black Front Washington Ethical Society National Mobilization Committee Black Muslims Recruitment of principal agents and casual informants by the basic apparatuswill be done under where feasible and necessary.